Directors and also by the Government nominee in Indian Airlines; and

(b) whether the new Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Indian Airlines has been appointed and if so, for what period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) The Chairman-cum-Managing Director being the Chief Executive of the Corporation is responsible for the overall superintendence and management of the affairs of Indian Airlines under the superintendence and in accordance with policy guidance of the Board of Directors. All members of the Board of Directors of Indian airlines are nominated by the Government.

(b) The post of Chairman-cum-Managing Director is presently held by a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism. A regular incumbent is being appointed in consultation with the public Enterprises Selection Board.

Premium on Exim Scrips

762. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering about the formulation of a negative list of import items, Exim Scrip route list, and also a Government list;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the exporting community has been demanding that Government should initiate measures to moderate the fall in premium on Exim Scrip and strengthen the Exim Scrip route so as to enable it to command a reasonable premium;

(d) if so, what are their main demands; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) It has been decided to bring out a new Import and Export Policy effective from April, 1992. Suggestions received from various quarters in this regard will be kept in view while formulating the Policy. It is premature to furnish details thereof at this stage.

Tea plantation in Orissa

763. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the areas brought under tea plantation in Orissa, so far;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to bring additional areas in the state under tea plantation during the Eighth Plan period;

(c) if so, which areas identified to undertake tea plantation during Eighth Plan; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) So far, an area of 213 hectares has been brought under tea cultivation in the Keonjhar district of Orissa.

(b) to (d) Preliminary reports indicate that about 2800 hectares of land suitable for tea cultivation would be available in the Kalahandi and Phulbani districts. However, no fresh proposal has been received from the State of Orissa for taking up tea plantations in these areas.

Bifurcation of Spices Board

765. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the the Minister of COMMERCE be pleas- to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to bifurcate the Spices Board; and

(b) whether Government propose to announce an increased support price for